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**Subject:** Settle the Microsoft Case Please!!

Please settle the case against Microsoft for once and for all and let this company get back to doing what it does best -- contribute to the world economy and its people.

The extent of damage that the DOJ's actions have had and will continue to have on technology innovation and American enterprise is totally out of proportion to the "crime" that Microsoft has been deemed to have committed.

Yes, Microsoft used aggressive tactics to secure its business. So to do a multitude of other large corporations.

Microsoft is one of the most successful companies to be built EVER! It has provided thousands and thousands of jobs and created untold wealth not only for its owners and employees but also for the millions of shareholders. Thanks to the continuing vendetta against the company by the DOJ and the nine states and their lawsuits, millions of dollars in pension funds and senior's investment accounts have been lost.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH1

I believe that the DOJ is taking too much control into its own hands. The government should not be trying to control business to the extent that is. After Microsoft, who will be next? In many respects I think that the various government lawyers need to continually justify their existence. As I stated in a previous email, fighting a battle in the courtrooms and boardrooms against successful companies is not what I consider to be the primary role of our judicial system. Microsoft, and its founders Bill Gates and Paul Allen, through their phenomenal success have been able to give incredibly generous public gifts to the schools, the arts, health organizations, etc. Why is the government so intent on destroying the creative initiative of our most brilliant entrepreneurs. Surely Scott McNeely and Larry Ellison when they spearheaded this rout of Microsoft didn't have in mind that the entire industry should be turned on its head.

This government, and indeed the nation, has its priorities wrong. There are a multitude of SERIOUS issues facing our nation and what do we have taking up huge amounts of time and money?

I am sure it is easier and more lucrative for the lawyers and politicians to spend countless hours and taxpayer dollars on meetings, high priced hotel and board rooms, expensive retainers and offices, etc etc than on the real but not so "tidy" issues that plague America. If the governments and their agencies would spend half the time and energy on the less glamorous issues just think what could be accomplished. Where do I think government dollars

should be directed: Here are a few suggestions:

Housing for the ill, homeless and future boomers who will not be able to find accommodation as they approach the next decade.

Adequate health care for everyone.

Repair and replacement of the infrastructure in our cities and towns. Neglect of the basic infrastructure -- the roads, freeways, sewer, water and power conduits -- will result in a breakdown of many systems if these are not dealt with on a proactive basis.

Repair of our schools and school systems. Our children and teachers are being shortchanged. We do not need government intervention in the education curriculum as much as we need government support to provide healthy, safe, properly equipped classrooms and support for better teachers.

Fix the unequitable system of justice wherein we have first time offenders and youthful offenders incarcerated with hardened criminals.

And, of course, use the government's resources to continue the fight against terrorism, both external and domestic, and work with our nation's largest companies rather than against them.

I could go on, but you get the picture.

-- SHOULD HAVE THE COURAGE TO MAKE SOME SENSE OF THIS MICROSOFT CASE. DO NOT THROW OUT THE BABY WITH THE BATHWATER. LEAVE MICROSOFT ALONE AND GET ON WITH TAKING CARE OF THE REAL NEEDS OF THE NATION!

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